## Recreation Summer Programs Really Winging

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are designed for adults as well as youths to this day, Worley stressed. The Department has grown to a \$36,500 budget and is developing more programs all the time.

"We're small in comparison to others, but we've come a long way. Many people have come forward gratis," Worley said appreciatively.

The Commission is a policy setting board from which Worley derives his direction, and from which he disseminates recommendations. provide input on recreation in all forms," Worley said.

This input or feedback of people's wants and needs is the crux of Worley's job. "It is a dynamic process. A successful program this year may not be next year. It requires constant evaluating and adjusting. We want to provide what they want," he said, and encourages letters and calls to the recreation office at any time to discuss ideas and needs for programs.

Two current projects under the aegis of the department are the Elms Meadows Skating Area, and the building on Lilly Pond donated for recreation purposes by the Water Department. The former is being landscaped as a winter skating rink and as an open

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Painting the exterior of this nice old building is the goal for

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Tree Dept. will remove the old

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will be done by volunteers.

ence Gown Museum.

space recreation area. The building off King St. may have a pier for rowboats and fishing, Worley noted.

The Department's Summer

Series offers 30 structured programs in conjunction with a number of special events year. This year, Worley said, six outdoor band concerts sponsored by the Federation of Musicians will be played on the Common on Tuesday nights. Worley explained that money is divided out to communities from the Federation, and that for every performance a town books, the organization matches with another. Cohasset, however, is only paying for two concerts while receiving the six, Worley pointed out. A summer film series also offers movie classics Thursday nights at the Town Hall, free of charge.

Another change Worley has made since becoming Director, was in centralizing the playground program, at the Joseph Osgood School which originally had a satellite playground in Beechwood.

"We now have a full day program which is structured like a day camp." Worley said. Although the playground is fully staffed and structured, children up to age 12 can drop in whenever they want, providing they check in and out. The 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. playground day requires that the child bring a lunch and a swim suit if partaking in the optional swim on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Swimming Center.

On Thursdays, the playground children may take advantage of a 25 per cent discount for kiddie-show performances at the Music Circus. Overseeing all this activity are 10 paid staff members, plus three CETA workers and five volunteers.

"They key to any program

is a good staff. We have an outstanding group," Worley said of the college aged staffers, who have a good blend of accomplishments.

For a complete listing of summer activities consult the blue brochure enumerating all activities available at the recreation office.

The Recreation Department also partakes in a job opportunity program placing young people in jobs. "We act as a clearing house in getting local youth jobs such as lawn mowing and babysitting. So far we have placed 25 to 30 kids."

Also this year a recreation student from Johnson State College, Christopher Swider, interned for a semester at the Department. He worked without pay, Worley explained, in turn for learning how to run a municipal recreation depart-

The response to all this activity by the town has been overwhelming, Worley attested. In 1979, 6828 people participated in programs and special events. Although the Department is tax supported. Worley said he is trying to offset costs with a minimal registration fee of \$4 to \$15.

Last year the \$5377 taken via registration fees was turned in to the Treasurer-Collector and applied to the total budget. This practice in turn helps to defray the tax rate, he explained. By the same token Worley tries to keep costs down by offering a 50 per cent discount to subsequent children in a family signing up for the same program in non-self supporting programs.

It's all pretty hectic Worley admitted, yet he feels the Recreation Department is doing well making use of the town's existing facilities. buildings and playing fields to have a good time.



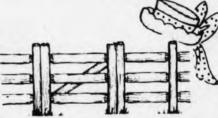
SPLASH PARTY — Rec. Dept. Counsellor Kathy Anderson cools off Kevin Mulcahy with a hosing but he seems to welcome the treatment. [Greg Derr photo]

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